

Legislators Blast Dewey Aides' Anti-Negro Terror

Chamber Told Of Houndings In Albany

By Mac Gordon
(Daily Worker Staff Correspondent)

ALBANY, N. Y., March 1. — A hushed Assembly listened to Assemblymen Hulan Jack and Daniel Burroughs describe this morning the fear that has gripped Albany's Negro community as a result of the methods used by Gov. Dewey's committee investigating the Albany Democratic organization.

The two Harlem Democrats told the Assembly that they had spoken to John H. (Sonny) Jones, 33-year-old Negro laborer, who charges that he had been brutally beaten and hung out of a window during hours of cross-questioning by Dewey investigators, and to the doctor who had treated Jones.

Unwilling to be guided solely by the word of one man, they told the Assembly, they went down to the Negro community last night and found the people there too frightened to talk even to them though both are Negroes.

In a careful interrogation of some Negro citizens of Albany, Assemblyman Jack stated, "I learned that the special police is hounding, intimidating and abusing them and they are being dragged up to the prosecutor's office for questioning on their political activities without any basis therefor."

URGES ASSEMBLY ACT
Jack pointed out that we are fighting for a world free from fear, against an enemy that uses just such methods of prosecution. He appealed to the Assembly to act to wipe out these things in the state.

"We believe the Governor who is responsible for appointing the special prosecutor must be held responsible for the acts of his agents," Jack said, "and must prevent the further oppressive and illegal measures against these citizens."

Majority and minority leaders Ives and Steingut both rose to commend Assemblymen Jack and Burroughs for their forthright denunciation of the terrorist methods used by the Governor's aides. Ives promised a "full and complete" investigation in which the "guilty"

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Steingut Bill Ups School Aid

(Special to the Daily Worker)

ALBANY, March 1. — With the Republicans marking time on the issue of additional funds for education, Assemblyman Irwin Steingut, Brooklyn Democrat, who heads the Assembly minority, introduced a bill today which would appropriate an additional \$7,800,000 for schools.

Steingut's bill provides for granting state aid to education at 10 1/2 per cent of the amount called for by the Friedman Formula. This is slightly more than the schools are getting today. If the formula were to operate at the 10 per cent rate as proposed by the Governor, the schools would have received about \$7,500,000 less next year than they are getting this year.

Steingut's proposal would distribute the funds to the various localities on the basis of 10 1/2 per cent of what they will be entitled to get under the present formula.

Meanwhile, it is reported that the Governor's office is contemplating a scheme whereby some rural schools, operating under the old union free school, or single class room, method, will get additional funds, but the more modern central schools and the cities will receive no more than proposed by the Governor and contained in the budget. This plan would cost the state very little and would, the Governor hopes, keep enough Republican rank-and-file in line to prevent passage of the Steingut bill or of any similar measure to maintain state aid at present levels. Many Republicans threatened to support such a measure during the budget debate two weeks ago if the Republican leadership failed to come across with some supplemental appropriation.

Other actions taken today by the Legislature or by Legislative Committees, include:

1—Passage of the Mitchell bill in the Assembly providing for a slightly \$35,000,000 credit for public housing.

2—Killing by the Assembly Judiciary Committee of the Ruddy bill to abolish proportional representation.

3—Referral of Assemblyman Hulan Jack's "Stuyvesant Town" bill to the Assembly Rules Committee, which takes over all unfinished business in the hands of the various committees today. The bill bans discrimination in housing projects added by public funds.

4—Introduction of two veteran bills by Assembly Majority Leader Irving M. Ives. One proposes a constitutional amendment creating a \$50,000,000 fund for loans to returning veterans to aid them in purchasing farms and homes, the second protects injured veterans in their right to workmen's compensation if they should receive additional injuries on the job.

6 Facts to Prove Hearst Went All-Out for Hitler
By John Meldon—See Page 2

Lewis, Pearl, Rose -- Dies Uses All Three

By Adam Lapin
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Rep. Martin Dies doesn't seem to mind John L. Lewis' repeated strikes in the coal industry or the anti-Semitic, anti-United Nations articles in the United Mine Workers Journal.

The chairman of the so-called House Committee to investigate Un-American activities approves of the activities of the most subversive influence in the American labor movement.

Dies inserted in the Congressional Record which appeared this morning the red-baiting blast by Lewis which was printed in Scripps-Howard newspapers throughout the country. The Texas congressman said that in the Scripps-Howard interview Lewis "tells the story of how the Communists have dominated and controlled the CIO."

Put in the same class with Lewis by Dies was Philip Pearl, AFL publicity director, and Alex Rose, secretary of the Old Guard of the American Labor Party.

Dies inserted in the Congressional Record newspaper story quoting a column by Pearl supporting the

2 More Concessions Curtail Soldier Vote

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, March 1.—As the final touches were being put tonight on the compromise soldier vote bill, Senate conferees agreed to two further concessions limiting the use of the federal ballot.

First, the federal ballot will be made available only to servicemen overseas, and not those in the United States.

Second, servicemen overseas must take an oath that they have applied for a state ballot by Sept. 1. This latter provision is supplementary to one agreed to yesterday stipulating that servicemen must take an oath that they have not received a state ballot by Oct. 1. Now the states are given at least a month to get their ballots to men overseas. The provision puts another obstacle in the path of servicemen desiring to vote.

Conferees had agreed yesterday that the federal ballot would be used only for servicemen from states whose governors had certified that it was in accord with state law.

Senate conferees had understood that this applied to servicemen both here and overseas. But House conferees insisted that the provision be limited to men overseas, and the Senate conferees finally agreed.

The new measure thus makes extremely important concessions to state's rights advocates. But Rep. John Rankin of Mississippi, leader of the state's rights forces, is still dissatisfied and threatens to conduct a fight against the measure.

Senator Theodore Green, co-sponsor of the original federal rights bill, and other Senate conferees indicated that they are by no means satisfied with the new measure.

But they hope that state action to simplify state laws and to make possible use of the federal ballot where no state ballot has been supplied will enable a substantial number of servicemen to vote.

It is expected that the compromise bill will come up in the Senate next week, possibly Tuesday or Wednesday.

Upstate GOP'er Introduces Bill for 10-Cent Fare Gouge

By Harry Raymond

The high-pressure campaign of Hearst newspapers and a committee of assorted bankers and landlords to increase subway and streetcar fares reached the legislative stage yesterday with introduction of a thinly disguised 10-cent fare bill in the Albany Legislature by a Brewster, N. Y. Assemblyman.

Written by a so-called Citizens Transit Committee, headed by former Corporation Counsel Paul Windels, and dropped in the legislative hopper by Assemblyman D. Mallory Stephens, Putnam County Republican, the bill authorizes the setting up of a New York City Transit Authority with power to hike the fare up to a dime.

The bill, Windels explained, is "permissive" leaving actual setting up of the authority, which would supersede the Board of Transportation, to the City Council.

He said the reason for this form of round-about legislation was to

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Stall 2 Nazi Drives at Anzio; Soviets Advance in Estonia

Cut Pskov-Polets Line and Take 30 Towns at Vitebsk

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

LONDON, March 1 (UP).—Opening a new drive into northern Estonia, Soviet troops have smashed the Narva River on a 21 mile front, punching 10 miles over the borders of that Baltic state, while southeast of Pskov other Red Army units have cut the Pskov-Polets railroad, last German north-south line in northern Russia, Moscow announced tonight.

Moscow also revealed that the Soviets had begun attacking toward the White Russian base of Vitebsk, which they virtually surrounded late last year, capturing more than 30 towns in the new push.

In the Pskov area the combined armies of Gen. Leonid A. Govorov and Gen. Markian M. Popov captured more than 70 towns in today's fighting, further tightening the Soviet encirclement on that gateway city to southern Estonia and Latvia.

Swinging into action in Estonia for the first time since Feb. 6 when they cleared the east bank of the Narva River, the Red Army resumed the offensive several days ago, Moscow said, and smashed across the river on a 31-3/4 mile front, breaching the German defenses to depths of almost ten miles.

Attacking along Narva, the Estonian stronghold which now is isolated, the Soviet forces moved westward almost ten miles to win the railroad stations of Auvere, cutting the line running from Narva to Tallin. At Auvere the Soviets won only 110 miles from Tallin, the Estonian capital.

On the Pskov front, the Soviet southern wing moving westward below that ancient city of 60,000 captured the railroad station of Rusaski, 50 miles southeast of Pskov, to cut the line which runs 150 miles south from Pskov to Polotsk. At Rusaski, Red Army forces were only 27 miles from Soviet Latvia.

Stalin Thanks Churchill for Note

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

LONDON, March 1 (UP).—Premier Marshal Joseph Stalin, in a message to Prime Minister Winston Churchill similar to the one he sent President Roosevelt, has expressed his thanks for the British leader's congratulations on the Red Army's 26th anniversary. It was disclosed today.

"I beg you to accept my gratitude and the gratitude of the armed forces of the Soviet Union for your congratulations on the occasion of the 26th anniversary of the Red Army, and for your high appreciation of its achievements in the struggle against our common enemy—Hitlerite Germany," Stalin said.

Immense enthusiasm has been aroused here by the CTAL meeting, with lavish attention given it by the press and the radio and by delegations from all political parties.

Lombardo held interviews with the President of the republic, Dr. Juan Ameghino, with the foreign minister, Serrano, while Vice-President Alberto Guani, who also heads the Inter-American Committee for Emergency Political Defense, greeted the CTAL in the newspaper *Diario Popular*.

Delegations are here from Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia, Panama, Costa Rica, Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay and Chile. The delegates from Ecuador did not arrive because the Argentine government refused them visas.

Outstanding are the delegates of the suppressed Argentine labor movement. Every central labor body in Argentina is represented, as is the "Committee of Workers Unity Against Nazism" which embraces some 365 individual Argentine unions affiliated to the various central labor bodies.

In all declarations here, the urgency of support for Argentine labor, the release of Argentine prisoners, the return of constitutional government to Buenos Aires, and the unification of Argentine labor are given great emphasis.

(Details of Lombardo Toledano's report as president of the CTAL will appear in tomorrow's *Daily Worker*.)

FDR Meets With Pacific Leaders

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, March 1 (UP).—President Roosevelt today held another in a series of conferences with key Allied commanders from the Southwest Asia war theater, suggesting that major developments may be impending in the Far East as the American offensive in the Pacific gathers further momentum.

Latin American Labor Backs FDR Policies, Says Toledano

By Rodolfo Ghioldi
(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MONTEVIDEO, March 1.—Latin American labor supports the policies of President Roosevelt, and would like to see his re-election, said Lombardo Toledano, opening an emergency session of the Confederation of Latin American Labor on Monday.

"Roosevelt's policies," Lombardo declared, "are a guarantee of the tranquility of the Latin American countries. It is his administration which makes the Good Neighbor policy real, and which therefore dignifies our national independence."

Stressing that the entrenchment of fascism in Argentina would be a real danger to the entire continent, and deserves the closest attention of Latin American workers, Lombardo also denounced the fascist regime of Francisco Franco as an agent of Germany.

He said that the "most serious Latin American problem is to maintain democracy. Without the Spanish Falange the present Argentine regime could not exist, and could not become a focus of disturbances in other countries, making possible the Bolivian coup of Dec. 20 and adventures of the same kind in other countries."

CIO DELEGATE ATTENDS

Among the delegates to the CTAL conference in Montevideo, representing the American CIO, was the CIO and its president Philip Murray.

Kyne wished the session success in helping to win the war, and extolled the unity of the Americas, stressing the conception of the "Century of the Common Man" as developed by Vice-President Henry A. Wallace.

Kyne declared that our greatest enemy is the "totalitarian state" and registered himself as against imperialism and colonial oppression.

At the opening session, in the presence of several thousand people, including Dr. Alberto Guani, former foreign minister of Uruguay and now Vice-President, the head of the General Union of Workers in Uruguay, Enrique Rodriguez, welcomed the Latin American delegations.

He greeted through Mr. Kyne the labor movement of the United States and hailed the progress of that country under President Roosevelt.

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Midtown Fire Sweeps 2 Buildings

A multi-alarm fire, which brought out dozens of pieces of fire apparatus, raged uncontrolled for more than an hour late yesterday along the East River water front in mid-Manhattan, sweeping through two buildings, one a seven-story furniture warehouse.

The flames, sending up huge columns of black smoke and fanned by a 45-mile gale, broke out in a structure occupied by Cadet Aeronaustics, Inc., at 630 First Ave., and spread to the warehouse.

The flames were brought under control about 8:30 P.M. No estimate of damage was announced by fire department officials.

Allied Guns Pin Down Twin-Tank Assault by Enemy

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, March 1 (UP).—The Germans have launched powerful attacks between Carroceto and Claterna on the Anzio beachhead, it was announced today, but twenty-four hours after Gen. Eberhard von Mackensen's 14th Army troops opened their attack they were reported still pinned to their starting positions by the effectiveness of Allied artillery and by a new and violent rainstorm that brought fighting almost to a standstill this afternoon.

Heavy enemy pressure was continuing, however, and there was every indication that von Mackensen would resume his push when the weather improved.

The new German attack was delivered against a background of constant enemy shelling, the most prolonged and widespread of the entire beachhead campaign, and five-it aerial bombardment by night of our shipping in the Anzio and Nettuno roadsteads.

While the enemy's main striking power was directed against almost the exact center of the line, three strong diversionary thrusts were made—one against the American right flank along the coast, another against the British flank southwest of Carroceto, and the third through the ravines due south of Carroceto.

ALLIES STOP NEW TANKS

All three of these supporting assaults employed considerable enemy forces, including tanks, but all were stopped by American and British defenders who knocked out at least four tanks.

The Allies were fighting back vigorously with heavy artillery fire and aggressive patrol activity of their own. One British company went deep into the German line and came back finally with prisoners after it had been given up for lost.

On the Cassino Front, Allied guns opened up with telling effect on German transport out of the city via Highway 6—the Cassian Way—but there was no other activity. German and Allied soldiers were slitting watchfully in Cassino itself, making no effort to dialogue one another from the battered houses.

Repulse Japanese Admiralty Thrust

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific, Thursday, March 2 (UP).—American troops have repulsed a counterattack on their newly won positions in the Admiralty Islands, killing 66 and wounding 84 of the enemy in a "bloody engagement," it was announced today.

The Japanese assault at dawn Wednesday was directed against Momote airstrip on Los Negros Island, where dismounted American cavalrymen had landed 24 hours earlier. The attempt was beaten back and the airstrip will be in full operation shortly, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique said.

The Japanese were reported to have withdrawn and established lines west of the airstrip, leaving behind their dead and wounded. Americans destroyed two 20 millimeter guns.

"American losses were negligible," a spokesman for MacArthur announced.

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, March 1 (UP).

—American Navy Liberator bombers, attacking at daringly low level, have struck their second blow in a month at Wake Island, damaging airframe installations and destroying or damaging six grounded planes, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

A single Navy plane bombed the phosphate island of Nauru, west of the Gilberts, and Army Mitchell bombers and Warhawk fighters, with the support of Navy Ventura bombers, attacked three enemy-held bases in the eastern Marshalls.



Sgt. William H. Hancock, left, of Rockhill, S. C., takes time out for a laugh on the Burma Front, with a Chinese soldier. Hancock, eligible to return to the Burma Front after 24 months service with Gen. Stilwell, elected to stay on and kill off more Japanese.

Black Markets Rampant, Says Bowles

It's Time the OPA Here Really Cracked Down

By Louise Mitchell

Mayor LaGuardia received special commendation from OPA Administrator Chester Bowles for his vigorous fight against black markets.

"The representatives of Mr. LaGuardia's Department of Markets are calling constantly on the stores," the administrator pointed out.

But consumers throughout the city have pointed out repeatedly that thousands of complaints have poured into the district OPA office to no avail. Only a handful ever find their way into the courts.

Consumers and labor have been begging for a chance to enforce prices the real way for more than a year. Daniel P. Woolley, district OPA administrator, has just worked out a plan calling for consumer participation in the anti-inflation program.

They have asked that ration boards be open in the evenings but only one Brooklyn board accommodates civilians one night a week.

The district OPA has displayed a lack of decisiveness in cracking

down on major violators. The policy under Woolley, thus far, has been to go after the small retailer. Sensational cases of retailers paying from \$300 to \$800 in triple damage suits make their way into the newspapers but all is still too quiet on the wholesale front.

The Daily Worker brought the story of Mrs. Dorothy Lasarus who is getting a run-around in the courts on two rent cases to OPA's attention but to date little has been done. Mrs. Lasarus was told by OPA officers that the price agency "is neutral." Neutrality in such cases only abets the profiteers.

The New York OPA Labor Advisory Committee has offered many plans to the district office to crack down on black markets in meat but suggestions are still under paper weights.

Mr. Bowles got down to cases in his report. How about bringing all cases of overcharges into the light, Mr. Woolley? Consumers and labor and the large majority of the retailers are behind you in the fight. They want to lick the black market at home as much as they want to defeat the Axis.

Housewives Are Gyped by Over Billion a Year

OPA Administrator Chester Bowles told the nation the other night what every woman knows. And that is:

One out of every three stores is violating ceiling prices "to some extent."

Some \$1,300,000,000 tribute is paid to black markets annually; "Millions of dollars on overcharges" are paid on other commodities.

Between three and four per cent of the average cost of all food is due to black markets; And that rampant price irregularities during war time are a "national disgrace."

Mr. Bowles made the facts known in an address at the New York Times Hall and over a broadcast on the Blue network.

Abolishing the great majority of the retailers as "vigilant honest," and anxious to comply with OPA, Mr. Bowles called the chiselers who carry on business outside of regular channels, who force tie-in sales on retailers and consumers, and who up-grade inferior merchandise.

"The public is the victim" of these shady, unpatriotic dealings, he pointed out.

In answering the question "how can black markets be smashed?" the administrator stressed "better understanding" of the public's stake in the President's anti-inflation program and "better understanding" on the part of all retailers of their stake as business men in our fight to keep the cost of living from rising.

Explaining that OPA is trying to simplify its rules, Mr. Bowles said that compliance divisions in the trades would soon be set up to distinguish between deliberate chiselers and carelessness.

With millions of retail and wholesale establishments in operation, the OPA head made it clear that it is impossible for the price agency with a meager enforcement division of 2,800 to do an effective job since Congress has slashed its budget.

OPA depends on local price assistants to help enforcement, he said. Where such volunteers exist, enforcement is at an all-time high. Lauding Mayor LaGuardia for his aggressive fight against profiteers, Mr. Bowles deplored that some community heads wait for the federal government to take action. In his opinion, this job also belongs to the communities and states.

While the labor movement generally accepts Mr. Bowles' description of rampant black markets it will be reluctant to agree with him that the Bureau of Labor Statistics figures reflect the real rise in the cost of living. In its own survey, AFL and CIO found that living costs rose 43.5 since the war's outbreak.

Mr. Bowles got down to cases in his speech and it is up to the local OPA's to get after profiteers with the faithful and responsible assistance of labor and housewives.

Scene of Mystery Blaze



This is the spot inside the back door of a two-story bungalow, 37-44 Erickson St., East Elmhurst, L. I., where a fire broke out early Tuesday morning—flames rose to the second story, driving out a Negro family. Community meeting, called it "act of fascist vandalism," asked for thorough investigation.

Fire Dept. Probes Burned Negro Home

A preliminary investigation on Tuesday by Fire Marshals Bernard Reilly and Richard Sheehan of the mysterious blaze which broke out early Saturday morning in a home purchased recently by a Negro family in East Elmhurst revealed that no combustible material had been left in the unoccupied apartment.

A meeting called by the Corona People's Committee attended by 300 Negro and white citizens on Monday night labeled it "an act of fascist vandalism."

Testifying to the condition of the house when he quit work on the afternoon of Feb. 26, Thomas Deane, a painter, 106-17 34th Ave., Corona, said he had left no rugs or materials that might create spontaneous combustion.

According to Deane the floor was laid with linoleum, it was clean and there was no possibility of a fire starting by itself. The radiators were off, the electricity was disconnected. The furnace had been checked that morning.

Ernest Bowles, who had scraped the floors, and with whom Deane had left the house keys, said that he had left the inflammable shavings outside the house, and had locked the doors and windows before he left.

PROBE URGED

Mayor LaGuardia and Borough President Burke of Queens were asked to institute a thorough investigation of the fire, at the meeting of Negro and white citizens Monday night.

The resolution adopted also urged that the persons who caused the fire be brought to trial and punished. More than 200 indignant residents of the area attended the meeting which filled Community Hall, 35-39 103rd Street, Corona, L. I. under the auspices of the Corona People's Committee.

Mrs. Cora Keane of 1274 Fifth Ave. had recently purchased the house and was to have moved in Monday. Meanwhile Mrs. Herman Holiday, occupant of the upstairs apartment with her husband and 11-day-old baby, who moved in two weeks ago, had been receiving anonymous threatening messages to get out.

It was the infant's cries which awakened Mrs. Holiday in the smoke-filled house. The baby has been ill with smoke poisoning. Furnishings and clothes of the couple were seriously damaged.

"The hand of Hitler has appeared in our community," Hope Stevens of the Negro Labor Victory Committee stated. "We must marshal our democratic strength so that the dirty hand of Hitler will not show itself here again."

The speakers included Rev. O. W. Hinton, Corona Congregational Church; Rev. E. Hamilton, Corona Chapel of the Resurrection; Rev. J. B. Crocker, First Baptist Church of Corona; Audley Moore, who came as a representative of Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Jr.; Ruth Olsen, Queens Inter-Faith and Inter-Racial Conference; the Rev. T. E. Harten of Brooklyn; Samuel Sachs of the National Lawyers Guild; and others.

McDonald Clark of the Corona Community Council presided.

B'klyn Teachers Aroused at Teacher Crisis, Hit Dewey

The acute shortage of teachers has resulted in uncovered classes, the dividing up of these classes with others already overcrowded, greatly overburdened teachers—this serious picture was presented at a conference Friday, Feb. 25 by the Schools Council of Bedford-Stuyvesant and Williamsburg.

Called to protest budget slashes for schools, 75 representatives of teachers and parents organizations of the Bedford-Stuyvesant and Williamsburg areas of Brooklyn attended.

Specific cases of uncovered classes were cited by the delegates—in one school six classes of pupils received only two and a half hours of instruction because of the shortage of three teachers in the school.

DEMAND DEWEY ACT

In view of these conditions and the disgraceful disregard of the New York City school system by Governor Dewey and the State Legislature, a series of resolutions and condemnatory letters were unanimously endorsed by the meeting.

Included were demands for the immediate passage of a supplemental budget to bring the state allotment for New York City schools up to the amount expended in the year 1941-1942.

Here are some facts, typical of many other schools which served as a basis for the action taken at the meeting:

P. S. 1, Brooklyn, located at Bedford Avenue and Hancock Street: Three classes that haven't had a teacher all term. To give the pupils some instruction, one teacher covers one of these classes in the morning, and a second class in the afternoon. Thus, six classes of pupils receive two and a half hours of instruction.

P. S. 26, Brooklyn, Quincy St. and Ralph Ave.: Survey of teacher absences for three days revealed: On Wed. Feb. 23rd two teachers were absent. No substitutes were available. On Thurs. the 24th, three teachers were absent. Since one substitute was obtained, two classes had to be divided up. The rough survey shows five classes without adequate instruction for three days.

P. S. 33, Brooklyn, Decatur Street

700 at Brighton Inter-Faith Rally

Citizens of all faiths met at a community rally at P. S. 226 in Brighton Beach Tuesday night to hear leaders from various walks of life discuss the problem of combating racial intolerance.

The rally, attended by an overflow crowd of 700 persons, was addressed by Rabbi Max Feldman, national chaplain of the Jewish War Veterans; Anna Hedgeman, prominent Negro secretary of the Permanent Council for the FEPC; Rev. Edward J. Manning, associate minister of the Church of our Saviour; Municipal Court Judge Harold J. McLaughlin, and Councilman Joseph T. Sharkey. Three hundred persons were turned away.

Confirms Expose of N.Y. Mental Hospitals

Confirmation of charges that medieval conditions prevail in State Mental Hospitals was made by a senior physician in a mental hospital, interviewed by the Daily Worker yesterday.

The physician, who did not wish to reveal his name because it would jeopardize his position, corroborated statements of State, County and Municipal Workers Union, CIO, and the Association for the Improvement of Conditions in Mental Hospitals that truly shocking conditions exist in these hospitals.

"The manpower shortage is so acute that essential services and treatments have been drastically curtailed or halted altogether," the physician said. "Mental hospitals are reverting back to the lunatic asylum status of the 1800's for the custody, not the cure of the mentally ill. They do not even provide adequate custodial care—need for attendance is so great."

CITES LOW WAGES

Mental hospitals were hit the hardest in the war created cost shortage. Because state hospital pay is low, working and living conditions poor, doctors left in bunches; little or no effort was made to keep them nor is anything being done to make these posts attractive to young doctors.

Though classified as essential by Selective Service a do-nothing policy was adopted by the State Mental Hygiene Dept. until staffs were depleted below the minimum safety staff for doctors.

Even in pre-war days, medical staffs were 80 per cent understaffed; and now only 45 per cent of this inadequate complement remains.

"What surprises me," the physician added "is that severe epidemics have not broken out—the general health care is so negligible. What happened at Creedmoor last year is mild compared to what it could be. Only the dogged devotion and loyalty and hard work of the doctors and personnel left keeps the hospitals open."

Unlike other hospitals there are no internes to lessen the burden of the permanent staff—a doctor must be fully trained before he can be appointed. Replacements in the main are being made by refugee doctors from Europe who, while competent, have been trained in a different psychiatric language than American doctors.

There are approximately 20 doctors for every 6,000 patients, actually leaving only four doctors to look after 1,200 beds. Doctors barely have time enough to make the rounds to make superficial examinations. There is no time to interview pa-

SEVERE OVERCROWDING

Mental hospitals are from 20 per cent to 30 per cent overcrowded with beds lining the hallways in all of the 18 institutions in New York State. And mental disease is on the increase among the civilian population.

Recently, Dr. Frederick A. MacCurdy, State Commissioner of Mental Hygiene revealed that mentally ill veterans eligible for treatment in New York may reach as high as 4,500 yearly. Already 300 discharged veterans are in state mental hospitals, an overflow from the facilities of veteran organizations.

The budget for the purchase of drugs has been cut by 85 per cent which has further hampered the work. Shock treatment which would shorten the hospitalization period is practically out for the duration and can only be administered in selective cases.

"With shock therapy and rehabilitation, between 50 per cent to 60 per cent of new admissions could improve to the point where they could be sent home for care there. At least half could return to gainful work," the physician said.

Because doctors cannot see patients, often some of them who could be paroled remain in the hospital for a much longer period of time than is necessary. And patients are being kept on to do maintenance work because there is no one available to do the work.

These are the appalling conditions that exist in State mental hospitals. If money is not appropriated to alleviate the situation, they will grow worse.

Pittsburgh School Wages Go to WLB

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PITTSBURGH, March 1.—One thousand public school custodial employees here voted today to accept a Board of Education offer to let the War Labor Board settle their wage dispute. Their action cancels a strike vote, taken earlier, in protest against the board's failure to keep an agreement on wages.

The custodial employees, members of the CIO State, County & Municipal Workers Union, earn as low as \$16.30 a week and not more than \$30 a week. They sought a \$1 a day increase but accepted a 40-cent increase.

Hot protests which led to the strike vote resulted when the board, after offering 40 cents, suddenly came forward with a new scheme offering raises of from 20 to 35 cents, but it was still unsatisfactory.

Henry T. Wenning, national secretary-treasurer of the CIO union, attended today's meeting and urged acceptance of WLB intervention. The WLB indicated in earlier cases that where municipal bodies and unions are willing to refer their disputes, the board will accept them. Eighty-two thousand children had a one-day enforced holiday while the custodial employees decided what action to take. They will be back on the job tomorrow.

H. B. Kirkpatrick, board president, said he would recommend referral to the WLB to a March 7 meeting of school trustees.

Nationwide Appeals For Mrs. Browder

Hundreds of unions, labor, religious and civic leaders in every part of the country have written in the past two weeks to President Roosevelt protesting against the action of Attorney General Biddle in the case of Mrs. Earl Browder. It was announced today by Assemblyman Hulan

and Labor Assembly of Great Falls, Mont.; Carpenters Local 130 of Philadelphia; Cook Union 380 of Newark; Plymouth Local of the Automobile Workers; Textile Workers Local 75, Paterson; UCAFWA Local 11, Boston; Oil Workers Local 316; Ingleside, Texas; Bakery and Confectionary Local 22, New York; Machine and Tool and Die Local 155, Philadelphia; UMW Local 8766, Forbes Road, Pa.; Furniture Workers Local 140, 76B New York and 574, Los Angeles.

RELIGIOUS LEADERS

Religious leaders included: Rev. Christopher R. Eliot, L.D., Cambridge, Mass.; Rev. P. Malcombridge, Lewiston, Idaho; Rev. Paul J. Alured, Holy, Mich.; Rev. Charles E. Craig, Jr., Louisville, Ky.; Rev. A. Nelson, Rockford, Mich.; Rev. Warren P. Sheen, Verona, N. J.; Rev. Arthur M. Soul, Marlboro, Mass.; Rev. Alonzo L. Wood, South Kent, Conn.

Also Rev. Benjamin H. Clark, Leola, N. H.; Rev. Francis A. Schlatter, Douglas, Ariz.; Rev. John M. Moore, Winter Park, Fla.; Rev. Judson E. Fiebigler, Utica, N. Y.; Rev. George L. Poor, Camas, Wash.; Rev. W. W. Farnum, Asheville, N. C.; Rev. W. Harold Pallthorpe, Clarkston, Mich.; Rev. Chester E. Higdon, Newark, N. J.; Rev. C. Greenway, D.D., Brooklyn; Rev. John S. Higgins, Minneapolis; Rev. Marshall E. Bartholomew, Mansfield, Pa.; Rev. Henry W. Pinkham, Newton Center, Mass.; Rev. Walter M. Swann, Grandville, Mich.; Rev. G. Schubert Frye, Syracuse, N. Y.; Rev. E. Lester Stanton, Chicago; Rev. Ruthven S. Chalmers, Boonville, N. Y.; Rev. Ronald A. Brunker, Newberry, Mich.

Unions which took action within the past week, Mr. Jack said, included the Cascade County Trades

Capital CP Hits 1/3 of Quota

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, March 1.—At a housewarming held in the newly redecorated offices of the Communist Party of Washington, D. C., last Sunday, James Branca, Chairman of the Party, announced that one third of their current recruiting drive to enroll 150 new members into the party. Welcoming the new members Mr. Branca urged them to join in achieving by March 15 60 per cent of the total goal of 90 new members.

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Union Lookout

A new angle on international trade union unity and the London June world labor conference comes from the International Federation of Trade Unions (IFTU). Remember when the AFL Executive Council turned down the invite to London, President William Green said that if the sponsor were the IFTU, things might be different. Now comes the IFTU and hails the June conference. The hailing is done by P. Toftman, secretary of the Transport Federation, in the Trade Union World, IFTU organ. He praises the British Trades Union Congress for its "initiative" in calling the conference. It "would be difficult to exaggerate the urgency" of this move, he says. Toftman expresses the hope that the conference will succeed in laying down a "world trade union policy," and he adds a point which deserves special attention from the AFL Executive Council. Here it is, right from the IFTU: "For such an international body to work successfully, all existing international trade union organizations capable of making a useful contribution should be drawn in and harnessed to the task."

Rudy Hansen, international representative of the CIO Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers Union, is vice-president of the Men's Democratic Club in his home town, Nutley, N. J. In both his labor and Democratic Party capacities, Hansen went to bat when he learned that the Nutley planning board had included a "pure Caucasian blood" restriction in a housing plan. Speaking before the Nutley Civic League, Negro organization, Hansen said he would call on the State CIO to investigate racial housing restrictions in Jersey towns. The Newark News first broke the story about the "pure Caucasian blood" clause. Another Jersey paper, commenting on it, noted that about the only place such plasma can be obtained is in Stalin's birthplace in Georgia in the Soviet Union. The expose caused such a tempest in Nutley that town planners immediately repudiated the restriction and said it was a mistake to think that they ever fooled around with anything like that. The Newark CIO says, however, that such restrictions are common throughout the state, that they are formally recognized by the Jersey constitution as "restricted covenants" and that elimination of these covenants is now being sought from the legislature in the revised constitution now under consideration.

You've heard of the pin-up girl that Navy tars voted their choice to get marooned on a life boat raft with and the girl chosen by the paratroopers as the girl they'd like to be stuck up a tree with. Well, here's a new type, invented by Local 430, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers. The union, preparing for a war workers' jamboree and dance March 11, at Webster Hall, is holding beauty contests in each of the many radio shops it has under contract. At the jamboree, Miss Local 430 will be chosen from among the nominees and her picture will be sent to all 430 men in the armed services as their particular pin-up. Perhaps she'll be voted the girl I'd like with me when I take a radio apart.

Louis Phillips, business agent of Sheet Metal Workers Local 28, AFL, earned a reputation with Draft Board Local 106, New York City, as "biggest pest in the neighborhood." He wasn't after a deferment, he was enthusiastic. Turned down by Selective Service because he is married and has two children, rejected by the Navy as overweight, the 37-year old union leader persisted in a one-man campaign. Labor solidarity won out for him. He finally convinced Fred Johnson, business agent of Carpenters Local 488, he deserved a crack at the Axis. Johnson, Draft Board member, got him reclassified and the Army got Phillips. The story came out at a farewell luncheon given the "pest" last week by the Bronx Board of Business Agents.

Labor, Farmers Held Reading Unity Rally

READING, Pa., March 1 (FP).—Labor unity and action to ward off the danger of fascism on the home front keynoted a mass meeting of AFL, CIO, railroad unions, National Farmers Union and civic groups here.

How labor's political action program is going forward at top speed all over the country was told by Vice-President Leo Krzycki of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, CIO, legislative representative Paul Sifton of the NFU and state legislative chairman James Fox of the railroad unions. The leadership of President Roosevelt was praised.

"We must be concerned about a better world for all the common folks of mankind," Krzycki said. "We cannot hope to ride while the rest of the world walks. Labor is looking ahead. Workers from the various nations will meet in London in June to think of world unity, and to plan on a broad scale for peace and a better future."

The meeting was first planned by the rail unions here to "unite all thinking people against fascist trends in America." It was then endorsed by the other local groups. Mayor J. Henry Stump and Rep. Daniel K. Hoch spoke.

News of the conference was suppressed in both of Reading's daily newspapers. "The free press sits in labor's face," declared the labor paper, New Era, in a front page editorial. "Don't they want the people to know what the farmers and workers are saying and thinking?"

ILO Parley to Open on April 20

MONTREAL, March 1.—Edward J. Phelan, acting director of the International Labor Office, today announced that the 26th regular session of the International Labor Conference opening April 20 would be held at Temple University in Philadelphia.

The conference will last three to four weeks, and at least 40 of the member states of the International Labor Organization are expected to be represented.

Among the chief items on the agenda is one calling upon the Conference to recommend "present and post-war social policy" to the United Nations.

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NMU Shows How Lundeborg Helps Smith Committee

The Congressional Smith Committee, currently engaged in trying to destroy the President's Fair Employment Practice Committee, has found a willing ally in the AFL Seafarers International Union (SIU), Joseph Curran, president of the CIO National Maritime Union, charged yesterday.

Curran released an advance copy of the column he wrote for the March 3 (Friday) issue of the Pilot, NMU organ.

This blasts SIU officials for testimony before the House Smith Committee last Friday. NMU officials were present but were not given an opportunity to speak.

The SIU, operating from the West Coast, is headed by Harry Lundeborg of San Francisco, national president, and represented in the East by John Hawk. Long a foe of mixed crews, the union recently tightened its stand by ordering members not to ship out if there are Negroes aboard.

This clashes with War Shipping Administration policy which requires shipping from job lists irrespective of color.

In testimony before the Smith Committee, SIU spokesmen charged that NMU insistence on equal treatment delays shipping. They demanded that ships be either all white or all black.

SIU STRIKES
"In attempting to get the Smith Committee to help them out, they did not point out to this Committee that 50 or more of their ships have been held up a result of their not living up to their no-strike pledge," Curran commented. "They did not point out to the Committee, nor attempt to, that Jim Crow ships would interfere with the war effort on the simple basis that if a ship is in port and is all white or all black and seamen of that color are not available on the beach, the ship would be held up."

NMU policy, Curran said, declares that there is "no place for poll taxes outside of Berlin." While SIU ships were delayed by strikes and discriminatory hold-ups, no NMU ship was retarded in seven years of delivering the goods, he said.

CITES NEGRO HEROISM
He cited the heroism of Negroes in service who rescued mates in moments of danger, risking their own lives. "These were brothers of ours, who never asked: what color was his skin," he said. "These ships had black and white working, fighting, eating and dying together."

"The SIU representatives, instead, tried to show this Committee that Negroes and whites should not work and eat together on the ships. But our own union has shown that all Americans are good enough to live together and to fight together to make democracy live."

Curran called on all ship crews to write or wire the Smith Committee demanding that they "stop their playing into the hands of fascists" by promoting division and disunity. "The rank and file must give wise to the game of the SIU," he concluded. "It is working for shipowners, piggybacks and all other local reactionaries out to settle the war effort and our Commander-in-Chief's constructive programs designed to win this war as soon as possible."

Legislature Gets 10-Cent Fare Bill

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its fares from five to seven cents and "within five years its system lost 40 per cent of its traffic, converting a former profit of a million dollars annually into a deficit."

Among the cities which attempted to make ends meet on their transit systems by increasing fares "only to meet with failure," the report listed Rochester, Chicago, Cleveland, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Denver, Seattle, Indianapolis, Louisville, New Orleans, Kansas City, Houston, Boston, St. Louis, Baltimore and San Francisco.

LOSS OF TRAFFIC
Noting the constant competition between rapid transit lines and buses, street surface lines and motor cars, the Guild warned that a higher fare "would most likely result in an immediate loss of a substantial part of the short-haul traffic."

Real estate values in other boroughs and outlying districts, which now benefit by easy access to Manhattan at a five-cent fare, would in all likelihood decline if the fare were raised.

The Guild maintained the ten-cent fare would "mean an increase of 100 per cent in an indispensable cost of living item which, like the sales tax, would fall most heavily upon people who can least afford it."

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People of 21st Voted To Back FDR--Mayor

Election of James A. Torrens, Democrat, to the House of Representatives over William S. Bennett, Dewey-endorsed Republican, in the special 21st District election Tuesday indicates "confidence in and continued support of the President," said Mayor LaGuardia yesterday.

But the Mayor was emphatic in declaring his displeasure over the type of a man the Democrats picked and the American Labor Party County Committee also nominated. He called Torrens a "Tammany ward heeler" and implied that Torrens' slim majority of 1,531 votes was due to the fact that many voters were also of the same opinion.

"I would say the result indicates only one thing," the Mayor said when asked to comment on the election, "and that is confidence in and continued support of the President. The difference between the two candidates is so great that the Tammany ward heeler who was elected is such that you can't even make a comparison."

"Congressman Bennett is a cultured, educated, experienced legislator with a splendid record. If it had not been for the publicity that this was a test on the President, Bennett would have been elected overwhelmingly on the personal difference between the two candidates."

"I would have gone up there and supported Bennett myself if they had not made that appeal. It also indicates that the American Labor Party could have forced a better and more qualified candidate. It will peter out as a party if they continue to take any Tammany candidate sight unseen."

"It is all right to support the

Minneapolis May Bar Smith Rally

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 1 (UP).—A recommendation by the Public Grounds and Buildings Committee that Gerald L. K. Smith, leader of the America First Party, be denied the use of the Minneapolis Auditorium was under consideration by the City Council today.

A CIO delegation joined in the protest against Smith's use of the auditorium. "Smith's right of free speech does not permit him to advocate racial discrimination and spread racial disunity," Robert Wabart, a union spokesman, said. He added that disruption of the war effort always followed meetings at which Smith appears. Smith recently was denied the use of the Buffalo, N. Y., Auditorium.

Use of the auditorium was requested by Mrs. Ernest Lundeen, widow of the late Minnesota Senator.

(Special to the Daily Worker)
PHILADELPHIA, March 1.—The CIO has urged the Bellevue Stratford to cancel the Blue Star Mothers' meeting tomorrow night (Thursday) at which Gerald L. K. Smith and Clare (March on Washington) Hoffman are scheduled to speak.

The Blue Star Mothers are "sedition" and "subversive," said the protest from the Industrial Union Council, while Smith and Hoffman are "anti-American, anti-democratic," and are "determined to undermine the very principles for which we are fighting."

The United People's Action Committee, representing over 50 civic, religious and social bodies, of which Arthur Huff Fauset is chairman, and a number of other organizations have sent similar protests.

Red Cross Rally Hears Story of Negro Hero Who Died to Save Unit

A hushed, thrill-tensed audience of 18,000 at the Madison Sq. Garden Red Cross War Fund rally Tuesday night heard how a Negro soldier sacrificed his life in the mountains of Italy to help save an isolated American artillery unit from annihilation.

The account, one of the dramatic highlights at this enthusiastic, war-spirited meeting, was told by George W. Goodman, an overseas director of the Red Cross.

Somewhere in that tortuous mountain front of Italy an American unit, faced massacre. Unless it could lay down a continuous barrage of shells against the foe, the Nazis, superior in number, were certain to advance. And the unit was desperately in need of shells.

The anxious commanding officer told his staff that a convoy of shells had to get through to the unit in a hurry or the infantry would surely

be overwhelmed. Here's how Mr. Goodman told the story to the rally:

"At 4:30, as the day began to break, officers standing anxiously outside of headquarters scanning the mountain road saw a truck lurch into sight, swaying from side to side as if out of control. Then appeared the second, the third, the fourth and the fifth! They were all coming like mad, but the one in front held the officers spellbound."

"But in a few seconds, this leading truck swung into the clearing and halted to a stop. A huge Negro soldier threw himself from behind the wheel, saluted the colonel with a broad smile, and said 'Am I on time, colonel?' But before the colonel could reply, the Negro toppled over dead."

"As they rolled him over they found that the left side of the man's body was riddled with machine gun

bullets; that his left arm had been practically torn from the socket. The soldier had tied a piece of rope about his arm and lashed it to his body."

"As the colonel inquired of the dead soldier's convoy comrades what had happened, they continued to unload the shells with tears in their eyes, and all that any of them could be induced to say was 'We had a helluva time getting through those Jerries, but he led and we had to follow.'"

Many wept unashamed as Mr. Goodman finished his story, which, incidentally highlighted one of the paradoxes of the war. The same Negro who died for his comrades in Italy could not have given them his blood—for the Red Cross, doing a glorious job at the front, still follows the medieval and scientifically-riddled myth that Negro blood is different from white blood and segregates its blood bank.

2 More ILG Locals In Elections Tonight

Cloak Operators of Local 117 and Skirtmakers of Local 28, International Ladies Garment Workers Union will cast ballots tonight in more hotly contested union elections.

As Local 117's 10,000 members prepared to cast ballots, United Cloak Operators' candidates H. Aidenland for man-

ager and A. Weiss for chairman, issued appeals for a vote that would be representative of all the groups in the union. This local, largest in the cloak industry and largest unit of organized Jewish workers, has for many years been divided its election results showing a small margin between the minority and majority.

Most elections resulted in a mixed administration, the cloak operators indicating that they want merited men in office irrespective of group lines or political views. This time the administration of Manager Benjamin Kaplan is laying its hope on the "bloc system" balloting which makes such individual choice more complicated.

The United has put forward only a partial slate and appeals to the voters to pick a representative administration despite the "bloc system."

Balloting, with all voters told to have their union books with them, will take place from 7 A. M. to 8:30 P. M. Voting places include Manhattan Center, ACW headquarters at 25 Orion Pl. (between Broadway and Bushwick Ave.) in Brooklyn and 1592 Pitkin Ave., Brooklyn.

UNITED SLATE
The other candidates of the United Cloak Operators are:
For Business Agents: J. Braverman, A. Cymes, A. Gordon, I. Kaufman, N. Kersh, L. Mendelbaum, Isidore Moskowitz, N. Schneider and B. Weiner.

For the executive board: W. Balbar, J. Baranowitz, S. Bean, B. Berg, A. Berger, I. Bialer, W. Blagman, R. Budah, M. Finkelstein, M. Glans, W. Gordon, S. Gordon, S. Green, I. Goolenshon, L. Klotz, M. Pasher, D. Rosenbaum, A. Reitman, S. Ruhm, I. Silkowitz, S. Solomon and S. Weintraub.

For delegates to the Boston convention: H. Aidenland, I. Bialer, W. Blagman, N. Kersh, L. Klotz, Isidore Moskowitz, M. Pasher, I. Silkowitz and A. Weiss.

Skirtmakers will ballot from 8 A. M. to 7 P. M. at 131 West 32 St. The Rank and File of Local 28 issued a similar appeal for a representative administration. It urged a democratic policy in the union, unity in the ALP and backed a fourth term for the President. The candidates are:

For convention delegates: Max B. Stein and Pauline Young.
Executive board: George Balowitz, Philip Farber, Louis Frallich, Sarah Friedman, Cella Goldstein, A. Karsky, Max B. Stein, Pauline Young and Max Zimmerman.

For Sick Fund: Louis Frallich, Cella Goldstein and Max Zimmerman.

Blast Dewey Aide Anti-Negro Terror
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will have to suffer the consequences." Mr. Jones' attorney, Morris Zuckman, informed reporters that he had demanded of Albany District Attorney John T. Delaney an immediate investigation and prosecution of those responsible for beating up his client. Zuckman said that he intends to enter a suit for damages as soon as the identities of the investigators who did the beating up are established.

Albany's Mayor Erasmus Corning demanded of the Governor today that he take steps to investigate the facts and to end the terror against Albany citizens.

"The accusation by one of the citizens of Albany that he was physically abused and cruelly beaten on Friday last by your state troopers has been brought to my attention by numerous individuals and organizations," the Mayor wrote to the Governor. "If the charges are true they reveal a shocking misuse of power on the part of your state police."

VICTIM REPEATS STORY
Faced with an outright denial by special prosecutor George P. Monaghan that Jones had been in any way molested, reporters interviewed Jones this afternoon. He repeated in detail the story he told in his affidavit, released to the press yesterday, and gave considerable evidence to substantiate his charge. Where Monaghan had said that Jones had been in the prosecutor's office for about an hour, Jones gave names of witnesses who could testify that he had been there four hours and was badly injured when he came out. Most reporters were satisfied.

Citizens of Albany, both Negro and white, are of course, outraged at the actions of the Dewey investigators. A delegation from the local inter-racial council was present during the Assembly session today, and the council is expected to meet tonight to plan a protest mass meeting in cooperation with other civic and labor groups.

Rank and File Local 23 Protest

The Rank and File of Skirtmakers, Local 23, yesterday sought to register a protest with David Dubinsky as workers found that the local's administration distributed its state leaflets in collusion with employers through pay envelopes. At the same time sample ballots were distributed showing the R. & F. list of candidates shoved to the bottom of the large ballot not as in other locals side by side.

Rank-File Get 30% Of ILG Local Vote

The Rank and File of Cloak Finishers, Local 9, International Ladies Garment Workers Union drew a vote of approximately 30 per cent of the 3,151 ballots cast in Tuesday's union election.

Ernest Cooper, candidate for business agent, who drew the highest vote on the R. & F. slate, received 960. The top administration vote for a contested candidate was 2,067. The votes for other Rank and File candidates were approximately the same.

Manager Louis Hyman received 2,074. He was unopposed. The extent to which the administration relied on "bloc system" voting was also shown by the 1,328 extra ballots it received to 773 such ballots for the Rank and File.

There is no basis for comparison to previous local contests because the group of former manager Isidore Sorokin was united in the past on a joint ticket with the Rank and File. This time Sorokin switched to the administration.

The vote of this local, another case where discussion developed and conduct was closer to a fair election, the ILGWU members once more gave evidence that a large section of the union is deprived of a share in the leadership.

Mme. Gromyko to Speak Here Mon.

Model American home equipment will be presented to Mme. Andrei Gromyko, wife of the Soviet Ambassador at the "Women for Victory" meeting at Carnegie Hall Monday evening, March 6, 8 P. M.

The Committee of Women of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship is sponsoring the meeting which will be a tribute to the women of the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R.

Outstanding American women to speak include Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Rose Schneiderman, Ruth Anderson, Dorothy Thompson, Mary Young, and Beatie Beatty.

Mme. Andrei Gromyko will bring greetings from Soviet women. Paul Draper, noted artist will present a new dance created especially for this event and a dramatic sketch written by Sandra Michaels. "I Am Not Alone" will be given by Joan Alexander and Hester Sondergaard.

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Film Front

By DAVID PLATT

IN THE summer of 1941, a few months before Pearl Harbor, an isolationist Senate Committee headed by Wheeler, Nye and D. Worth Clark conducted a witch-hunt against the motion picture industry. The charge was producing anti-fascist films. The investigation was ordered to find out why Hollywood was not producing pictures depicting the savagery and brutality of Russia. "Confessions of a Nazi Spy," "Underground" and "Escape" were among the anti-Nazi films brought up by the Committee as representing a dangerous trend in the country. The anti-Semitic utterances of Gerald Nye during the course of this investigation shocked the country. Nye outdid Goebbels in spouting lies about Hollywood being "Jewish-controlled." A Daily Worker editorial at the time called the Senate investigation "the most daring political effort to destroy the unity of the United States since the racial incursions of the Know-Nothing Hooligans and the Ku Klux Klan."



Why do I bring this old matter up at this time? Only because the other day it was revealed that the Ku Klux Klan was the brains behind that movie investigation and that the members of the Senate investigating committee were former Klansmen. These facts came to light for the first time during the trial in Pittsburgh of James A. Colescott, Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan on conspiratorial charges brought by the State of Pennsylvania. A State Police Sergeant who had attended meetings of the Klan testified that the Imperial Wizard took credit for the Klan as the organization responsible for the movie investigation. In his testimony the police officer said: "He (Colescott) went into the subject of the movie industry and said that the names of the Senate Committee investigating the industry would be found to be similar to it not the same as former Klansmen." To think that these men are still in

The Klan's Role in the 1941 Movie Inquisition

the Senate doing the bidding of this fascist group. The Imperial Wizard and four other Pennsylvania Ku Kluxers were freed because the state had failed to make its conspiracy charge stick. It will not always be so. Some day the charges against the Klan and its rosters in Congress will stick and with this smelly garbage gone the nation will breathe a little easier.

Flashes and Closures

"Life of Jack London" opens in New York on Saturday. . . . Victor McLaglen is raising hell for the government. . . . Monroe Greenhalgh, Chief, Motion Picture Branch, Public Relations Department of the U. S. Army thanked us for sending him a clipping of our review of the War Department's "The Negro Soldier." . . . "You must have a great circulation, because I am being bombarded with phone calls, letters and wires," his letter stated. . . . Negro soldiers are at last getting into the major newsreels. . . . When the newsreel about the first Negro parachute was shown at Loew's Sheridan last Tuesday night, the entire audience applauded. . . . Wait till they see "The Negro Soldier." . . . Their cheers will fall the roof. . . . The other day a Los Angeles radio station dramatized Edgar Allan Poe's classic horror story "The Cask of Amontillado." Those familiar with the story will recall that it takes place in the dank catacombs of a medieval torture chamber. A few seconds after the blood-curdling tale was over, the announcer pleaded: "Come to work for the L. A. Railways and meet interesting people." . . . James Wong Howe, the Chinese-American photographer has received a letter from friends in Chungking that the Chinese movie industry is still carrying on in the underground caves of the capital city. . . . Although badly handicapped by a shortage of raw film—negative and positive—they're turning out a lot of patriotic features and shorts. . . . It is true that the American Medical Association persuaded RKO to give up their proposed movie honoring "Sister Kenny"? . . . It is well known that the AMA is unsympathetic to Sister Kenny's treatment of infantile paralysis. . . .

An English Mining Town

By CHARLES SCHRIER

The pent in, greasy factory road slushed mud ankle deep and stank.

That did not belong to the crowd who clicked clickety click in wooden clogs

to unsuitable chimney heights. They had left behind row upon row

Refreshingly remembered white steps. Before the knocker-up had struck at dawn

Mum, on knees, with bath brick shone three white planes of pride. Our house is like a thousand more.

But we've papered its walls arranged the rocking chair and coconut mat

And our white steps look good each day. In every coal powdered, straggling street

In Rhonda, Lancashire or Clyde They threw together row upon row

near the mines, mills and lowering ways Little cottages, one, two, three and on.

All one long same door and window fitted frontal. But to each triumphantly mounted, three white steps.

Yet it was along these streets, in these houses Strolling out for a Sunday morning beer

Laying-back with the smug of the roost

Filling the three rooms, we heard that sanctimonious old duffer

whistle through his teeth: was For months they fooled with the

Magnat Line Turned eyes to poor little Finland

But we were always ready to have a go at the Nazis. Well we know why

Close three thousand went out of our pits

Silently away from smoky valleys Quietly down white steps to

Jarama. That was the way we wanted to fight

Not with the same bunch who in '38 Brought armored cars and troops.

Then after the torrent swirled Norway, Holland, France

It was "Right in the streets, the fields and make barricades by our white steps."

Then it came most every night. The same huddling

around the kitchen fire, Ernie there on the sofa,

Mum keeping the kettle going and watching

that the baby didn't throw off its covers. Sitting like that, we could hear

them coming in. Zoom a zoom. Then gently plopp plopp

Deliberately placed sound that mounts and soon reaches

down our blacked out streets whistles past our white steps.

The local guns have taken up the fury

Roar and shake our walls with their rumble, make our windows rattle and

Mum looks up perturbed. Will the baby wake and cry?

Ernie slips on shoes, walks to the door. There the skyglow picks out our

"THE NORTH STAR"



Erich von Stroheim, Walter Huston and Martin Kosleck in "The North Star" at the RKO Albee Theatre today.

NEW PLAYS

'Right Next to Broadway' At the Bijou Theatre

RIGHT NEXT TO BROADWAY, a new comedy by Paul K. Paley, directed by Wm. E. Friedman. Presented by St. Paley at the Bijou Theatre on Feb. 25, 1944.

By Ralph Warner
The garment industry has been the subject of slurs and slings these many years, notably Jerome Weidmann's "I Can Get It for You Wholesale." Now comes a public accountant, one Paul K. Paley, who knows his garment industry. With a comedy on the men and women who create the dresses for America's women.

It is hardly a good play. Much of the first act is devoted to a typical day in a typical showroom. The technique of Lee Winston, woman

cross designer and manufacturer, is pretty much the hit or miss. The tactics of her salesmen and saleswomen consist of dates (by the men) and wiggles (by the women). Buyers buy on promises of good times. Models do what models are supposed to do in "Snappy Stairs." Add to this Miss Winston's quarrels with the union, her pattern-maker, her partner, the bank, the dress goods jobber and her book-keeper, and you're not sure that Miss Winston is typical. If she is, the entire dress industry would go bankrupt.

But what I do not care for in "Right Next to Broadway" is not only Miss Winston. It's the slurs against trade unions, against "Washington bureaucracy" and "Washington professors." True, Miss

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NAT LOW

The non-humorous farce which is major league baseball continues apace with the latest news out of St. Louis declaring that both the Cards and the Browns are so hard up for players that they are delaying the start of spring training in order to get together more men.

The announcement by the two St. Louis clubs is the frankest yet made by any major league outfit but it is representative of the plight of all organized baseball in this year of 1944.

Simultaneously with the St. Louis announcement comes the annual resplendent New York Yankee roster which shows a team of 20 leftovers from last year's world championship club. Of the 20 leftovers, however, more than half are awaiting almost immediate Army calls and will probably be in or on the way in before the Yanks assemble at Atlantic City.

The Dodgers are in still worse a fix, while last year's pitiful Giant club has gotten off comparatively easy.

But the overall picture is dark and gloomy and we only repeat what we've said many times before—that the majors will be of Class B caliber this year and no more. —And still no Negro players!

Monty on the Spot Tomorrow

Likeable Bob Montgomery will find himself on that well-known spot tomorrow night when he climbs through the ropes to face Beau Jack for the lightweight title. This, as you know, will be the third meeting between the two and it will be the decisive one for the Philadelphia who was kayoed in 63 seconds by St. Bummy Davis the other week in one of the fistic upsets of the century.

What makes Bob's job a real tough one is the fact that his chance of making real dough for the duration is being threatened. Even after he lost his title to Beau he was still quite a money-maker, especially down in Philly where he has been something of an idol.

But following his amazing loss to St. Bummy his stock depreciated considerably and if he is soundly thumped by sleek and slugging Beau tomorrow his money-making abilities will have been seriously impaired.

Thus, he will be fighting for his very fistic life and together with a natural desire to atone for his performance against Davis he should be a grim, battling and quietly furious fighter when that bell rings.

How much this will help him is open to argument for Beau has come along steadily since a year ago and is now about at the top of his fighting peak.

At any rate this battle should be a battle in every sense of the word—and if you saw their last two fights you will understand exactly what I mean.

Jots and Dashes

Henry Armstrong is still flattening club fighters all over the map. . . . His latest kayo victim is one Jackie Byrd who was put to sleep in four rounds in their bout in Des Moines. . . . Jimmy Bivins bowed out of the duration fistic picture Tuesday night by hammering out a decisive win over left, hard-hitting Lee Q. Murray in Cleveland before a capacity crowd. Bivins, who will seriously challenge Billy Conn and Joe Louis after the war, won easily, flooring Murray for a nine count in the ninth round and generally forsaking his usual counter-punching style to carry the attack to his heavier and bigger opponent. . . . After the bout Murray admitted that Bivins was his master. . . .

That Inter-racial, inter-faith game in Harlem Tuesday night was quite a success with the Abyssinian Big 5 winning on a strong second half drive. . . . On the Garfield All-Nations team was none other than Dick Lajekie, \$25,000 rookie shortstop of the New York Giants who played a good game. . . . In the opener, the Queens A.J. team beat the Bronx Vanguards in the finals of the American Youth for Democracy's basketball tournament, winning 40-27 by tallying 13 consecutive points in the last four minutes of play. . . . The 13 changed hands four times before the Ajax put over the crusher.

Dodds' Two New Rivals May Push Him to Record

By Phil Gordon

There will be a new twist to Gil Dodds' attempt to crack the world indoor mile record this Saturday in the ICAAAA meet at the Garden.

The new angle will be created by the emergence of a champion three mile and a champion 1000 yard race as rivals. The two are Ollie Hunter and Lee Elsenhart.

Hunter is both a two mile and three mile runner. Elsenhart is primarily a half mile although he won the 1000 AU race last week, beating John Roxborough, Johnny Fulton and Joe Nowicki in a slightly terrific contest.

Thus Dodds will have stronger competition than at any other time this season. Besides Elsenhart and Hunter, he will face Bill Hulce and Frank Martin of Notre Dame, a freshman who has done a 4:19 mile. Hulce is completely over his illness and has rounded into form. He has been chasing Dodds all winter and is about ready for a very best effort. In last week's race he was merely out for the practice for he was still wobbly over his throat infection.

The tall Columbia student remains unshaken in his confidence. He still thinks he can take Dodds but does admit that he will have to change his tactics if he is to do so. He has hinted that he may himself take the lead and set the pace instead of allowing Dodds to go out first. There is no guarantee he will be able to do so for Dodds never trails anybody in the first three quarters.

But if Hulce does decide to go all out in the part of the race it should provide, at least, a new angle which should be interesting to watch.

As for Hunter, the slender Notre

Dame runner is in a good position to spring a real surprise. For one thing he is a cross-country runner as well as being a two and three mile. This training in the longer races has put him in condition to take the shorter mile distance with competitive ease.

It is doubtful if Hunter will be able to stay with Dodds through those terrific early quarters, but if he does, Dodds will be in real trouble for Hunter possesses what Dodds and Hulce both lack—a last lap kick.

In this respect Hunter is much like his idol, Greg Rice, who owned one of the most amazing last lap sprints in the history of the track.

Last week, at the end of a three mile race in which he ran away from the field by almost a full lap, Hunter hit the bell lap with a burst of speed that had the Garden in an uproar. He really sprinted those final 200 yards and coming after Dodds' pitifully slow last lap it was indicative of what may happen Saturday when the two meet.

But we shouldn't get overboard on Hunter despite his sprint-potential. After all, the switch-over from the three mile to the mile is no easy task. It demands an expert to pace oneself to the smaller distance and Hunter may go all out too early or too late thus killing his chances.

At any rate, however, it will make for much better competition than Dodds has had all season. Why, it may even make for a new mile record.

Dundee, Now a Shipyard Rigger, Sees Son Champ

BALTIMORE, Md., March 1 (UP).—Former World's welterweight champion Joe Dundee predicted tonight that his 26-year-old son, Louis, will prove a chip of the old block by winning the welterweight crown after the war.

"I wouldn't let him fight if I didn't think so," Dundee, now a rigger at the Bethlehem Shipyards here explained, "boxing is a tough racket, and no son of mine would pull on the gloves unless he could go to the top. I think Louis can, so I'm encouraging him. He's dropped only one decision in 15 starts. He's in the Army now, a gunner, in Florida."

The former champ is bringing his son along slowly and carefully, he said.

"When he reaches the stage where he's ready for the big time, I'll turn him over to Helene Blaustein," he said. "Managing a boxer successfully is a profession in itself, and it's not my line. I believe in letting specialists handle such important jobs, to get the best results."

"My brother Vince was middleweight champ, and I was welterweight titleholder, to form the only brother-champion team in history," Joe added. "Now, if a third Dundee can win the crown, we'd set a record which probably will never be equalled."

Honor Negro Heroes of Navy On Special Broadcast Today

CHICAGO.—High ranking naval officers and a panel of prominent Negro newspaper publishers will spotlight the role of Negro bluejackets in the current conflict, during a special Blue Network broadcast, today at 8 P. M.

Rear Admiral Louis E. Denfield, assistant chief of Navy Personnel, will open the program, speaking from Washington, D. C. A switch to Great Lakes, Ill., will present Commander D. W. Armstrong, officer in charge of Negro regiments at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. Commander Armstrong will comment on the status and ac-

complishments of Negro sailors in a roundtable discussion with Negro publishers.

Captain Robert R. M. Emmet, commanding officer of the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, will describe the progress of Negro regiments in training there.

Excerpts of Negro seamen will be set forth in the dramatized portion of the program. A band of the Negro regiment will play "Anchor Aweigh," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," and five original compositions, including "Sailors We," "Hep, Hep, Hep," "Commander Armstrong March" and "Ballad of the Negro Recruit."

Stage Door Canteen Marks Second Birthday With Party

Today, March 2nd, marks the second birthday of that flourishing youngster, the American Theatre Wing Stage Door Canteen, and a bang-up party is promised. It's a banner year the canteen is ending—among other things, the two-millionth man was welcomed some weeks ago. Visiting

executives from the American Theatre Wing's seven other canteens are coming from all parts of the country to enjoy the party. The celebration will last from five o'clock, opening time, until midnight closing, and bids fair to be even more festive than the canteen's first birthday. In addition to a particularly full program of entertainment, there will be features like colossal birthday cakes and the presentation of a citation to the canteen's god-father, Lee Shubert. Visiting celebrities will come in at intervals throughout the evening.

An early visitor will be Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, who was also present at last year's birthday party. The Mayor is scheduled to arrive at 8:30.

A large group of the canteen's best-known workers will be on duty. Among these, arriving early in the evening, starting about 6, will be Gertrude Lawrence, Helen Hayes, Arlene Francis, Arlene Whelan, Doris Nolan and Shirley Booth.

Katharine Cornell, who has been serving on a late shift, after her performances several times a week, will be in early on today, about 7:15. Moving picture celebs, who are scheduled to arrive later in the evening, include: Francis Lederer, Sigrid Gurie, Diana Barrymore, Joy Hodges, Edith Fellows and George Raft.

As for birthday cakes: the canteen's own cake is to be a 350-pound monster, and the Newark canteen is sending over another giant. The entertainment begins at six.

Raymond Massey Narrator on 'Labor for Victory'

A drama telling of the American Federation of Labor's contributions to the American Red Cross campaign is presented on "Labor for Victory" Sunday, March 5 (1:15 P. M., EWT) Raymond Massey, distinguished actor, is narrator on the program.

Radio Highlights

8:30-9 P. M. WNYO (also FM)—Maria Van Delzen, Dutch soprano; Walter Tausig, pianist.
9:30-10 P. M. WOR—Song Treasury: Lilia Albanese, soprano; Francesco Valentino, baritone, and the Antonelli Orchestra.
11:30-12 P. M. WJZ—Music of the New World, by Edna Holland, soprano; Arthur Ballan, pianist, and orchestra.
1 P. M. WQXR—Lila Bergio, Comments.
1:15 P. M. WMCA—Five-Star Vocal—Evelyn Knight, soprano; Walter Tausig, pianist.
2:30 P. M. WMCA—Johannes Stiel, Comments.
3 P. M. WJZ—Penny Brite, Frank Morgan.
4 P. M. WJZ—Abbott and Costello—Comedy.
10:30 P. M. WJZ—Wings to Victory—Drama.

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Warns of Slow Pace in N.Y. State Recruiting Drive

The New York State leadership of the Communist Party is concerned about the pace of the recruiting drive now in progress, according to Gil Green, State secretary of the Party.

"Events throughout the world and in our own nation indicate the possibility and necessity for building a strong Communist organization," he declared. "The rightist-reactionary revolt against President Roosevelt points to the need for cementing national unity in the United States. And a strong Communist organization can play a decisive role in that."

He pointed to the interview with John L. Lewis published in the New York World-Telegram as proof of the necessity to build the Communist organization.

LEWIS' AID TO FOE

"Lewis tried to do two things in that interview," Green stated, "both of them aiding the Nazis. First of all, he agreed with Hitler that Communism is the issue. Second, he tried to disrupt national unity with his call for an anti-Communist campaign in the unions. Lewis evidently does not like Prime

Minister Churchill's speeches. He prefers Pegler's defeatist tripe. A strong Communist organization can help smash the Lewis-Pegler gang of defeatists."

Green expressed full confidence that the Empire State can and will achieve its quota of 10,000 new members. But he sounded the alarm at the slowness with which the drive has started.

He pointed especially to Kings County. "None of the counties in the State has yet shown outstanding results," he said. "But the greatest disappointment to date has been Kings County, which finds itself in an unusual position. It ought to be very uncomfortable."

HAILS KINGS RECORD

Green pointed with pride to the outstanding record of achievements that Kings County has to show under the inspiring and capable leadership of Pete Cacchione, its chairman, and Joe Roberts, its executive secretary. It was the first to elect a Communist councilman. Time and again it led the pace in recruiting and in press building.

"But today," Green said, "in-

stead of being the pace-setter, it finds itself at the bottom of the heap. I don't know what the Brooklyn residents will think of that. Not too much, I suspect. Brooklyn doesn't go for cellar-dwellers. The Communist Party of Brooklyn cannot and will not bring disgrace to its borough. Now that Manhattan also has a Communist councilman we expect that Brooklyn will make every effort to convince its rival that it is still in the league."

Green was certain that the tradition of Brooklyn will be upheld and that we can expect a real fight by the Brooklyn Communists to resume their leading position. It will give a lift to the whole drive.

Rumors reaching the State leadership lead them to expect startling results within the next two weeks throughout the State.

"But the political situation is such," concluded Green, "that the growth of the Communist Party would really not be startling at all. People are waiting to join this militant, fighting organization. All that is necessary is to go out and get them."

BETWEEN the LINES

Roundup

By JOSEPH STAROBIN

Keep an eye peeled for all news about France, which after all, will soon become the most important occupied country in Europe. There is every evidence that a tremendous resistance movement, approaching actual war with the Vichy men and Germans, is gripping France. Until recently, the chief area of the French guerrilla movement was in the hills of French Savoy, in the Alps. Latest reports indicate that pitched battles between armed guerrilla detachments are spreading westward to the Rhone valley . . . and that is the valley through which an Allied invasion army coming up from the south would have to move. These pitched battles must be distinguished from the regular sabotage and nightly raids on German depots and factories, carried on by the Franc-Tireurs.

Vichy has appointed a special bloodhound, Joseph Darnand, for the "maintenance of order." Due to the sharpness of the situation is the fact that Darnand has organized his "security corps" on military lines and publishes daily communiques of the number of French guerrillas murdered. He gives special citations to his armed forces, et cetera . . . In other words, a virtual war front already exists in France.

Word comes via London that the leader of the French young women's movement, Danielle Casanova, has been murdered by the Nazis in 1942, together with prominent French women leaders, Danielle had been deported to Germany. Many young Americans will remember her as one of the leading French delegates to the World Youth Congress, at Vassar College in the summer of 1938. A native of Corsica, with fiery eyes set in a frame of jet black hair, with a pre-occupied countenance occasionally flashing a smile, I can see her walking down the green lawns of Vassar arm in arm with another great French youth leader, Raymond Guyot. A true leader, she died at the forefront of her people's fight. Danielle is dead, but France will live.

What with the growing break between the Allies and Franco, and the formation of the Supreme Council of National Resistance inside Spain, things on the Iberian peninsula are moving to a climax. Friends in Mexico City send a detailed report of the clandestine press and radio in Spain. There are four Republican underground papers in Barcelona alone, three of which circulate in at least ten thousand copies. Humanitas and Treball appear in the Catalan language, a penal offense. Solidaridad Obrera and Batalla are the other two. In Madrid, the great Communist daily, Mundo Obrero still publishes regularly in four pages, often circulated in copies of Franco's own papers. BBC and Moscow radio material are reprinted regularly.

I also learn that there are two underground "freedom stations," "Espana Independiente" and "Radio Pireneas" on both long and short wave. But word of mouth propaganda is still most effective. The "copla," or popular ballad gets around, and hundreds of these have been written about a famous guerrilla fighter known as "El Caraboso," the "Good Fellow," something in the Robin Hood style.

The future over Chiang Kai-shek's abysmal book, "China's Destiny," has finally forced Chungking to postpone its English edition. The book itself is now being revised. Frederick V. Field in last week's New Masses tells of the book's ultra-reactionary ideas, Chinese language copies have been very carefully guarded here by the Chinese embassy. Fuller details appeared in The Communist for December.

Indalecio Prieto, right wing Socialist who was ousted from the Republican Spain's ministry of war in April, 1938, has arrived in New York on the Treasury's invitation to sell war bonds to the Spanish colony. Details on Prieto's actual role, appearing in a prominent New York newspaper later this week, will make both Prieto and the Treasury rather sick. . . . The State Department is being bombarded with telegrams from Italian-American communities in New England on behalf of Italian anti-fascist exiles who want to go home but can't get Washington's OK. . . . "New York Times" blossomed out last Tuesday with features on William Randolph Hearst's reply to the Soviet press charges and John L. Lewis' attack on the CIO for not witch-hunting Communists. Many "Times" readers thought for a moment that the "New Leader" had become a daily paper. . . .

5 Years Ago Today In the Daily Worker

MARCH 2, 1939

MOSCOW—The Presidium of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR was expanded to 17 members at a meeting of the Academy yesterday.

Foremost among the new Academy heads is Otto J. Schmidt, famed Soviet scholar and Arctic explorer who organized and led the expedition to the North Pole.

Schmidt, together with Academicians Ivan Gubkin and Chudakov, were unanimously elected Vice-Presidents of the Academy under President V. Komarov.

Other Presidium members include Academicians Bach, Orbell, Deborin, Varga, Bogomolets, Vyshinsky, Lyenko and others.

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Up to Finland

THE publication of Soviet armistice terms to Finland throws the first real light on what had hitherto been the subject of rumor and speculation. This news is above all a reflection of Hitler's approaching doom. The vaunted "New Order," the boastful comradeship with the "valiant Finns," the allegedly unbreakable front from the Arctic to the Mediterranean is now cracking and crashing.

It can never be too often repeated that two fundamental facts are responsible for this development: first, the might and skill of the Soviet armies, rolling the enemy back from Leningrad in a few weeks; and second, the united policy of Washington, London, and Moscow established in the great conferences last Fall. Despite our own government's failure to break off relations with Finland completely, the Finnish rulers have drawn the necessary conclusion from Secretary Hull's sharp warning of Feb. 8, and the evident unity of political policy established at Tehran.

The military importance of a Finnish rupture from the German alliance is clear. It would truly shorten the eastern front. It would eliminate the constant menace to British and American convoys in the North Atlantic. It would bring home to the German soldier the catastrophe to which Hitler has led them. Undoubtedly, such a blow would inspire unconquered Norway and heroic Denmark; while for the remaining gang of satellites, Bulgaria, Rumania, and Hungary the tolling of the bells would become deafening.

As for the Soviet Union's conditions under which an armistice will be considered, they reveal again that integration of realism and principle which is so characteristic of Soviet policy. Contrary to the treacherous alarms of the Hearst press, and the indecent insinuations of the New York Times, Finland's sovereignty is in no way abrogated. And the canard about "Sovietization of Europe" is revealed fully as the frantic, foolish lie of Goebbels.

Finland must break off relations with Germany and intern German troops and ships now in Finland. Soviet and Allied prisoners of war and civilians must be released. Delusions of territorial expansion must be abandoned, and all remaining questions can be decided later. None of the great powers would have dealt differently, as Great Britain and the United States obviously agree.

The Soviet note expresses "no particular confidence" in the Finnish rulers. It is now altogether up to them. Significantly, the former Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles chose yesterday morning's article in the Herald Tribune to confirm the true character of these Finnish rulers. "It is notorious," says Mr. Welles who should certainly know, "that both before and after the first war between the Soviet Union and Finland . . . many political leaders were enmeshed in Hitler's net. Officials like President Rytty and Finance Minister Tanner often functioned as if they were hypnotized by Hitler and Ribbentrop." And Mr. Welles describes in detail the entrenchment of the Nazis in the Finnish foreign office, informa-

tion services and police bureaus. Such revelations are a grim comment on the days of 1939-40. They fully confirm the Soviet position. It is up to the Finnish rulers to confess their miscalculations by practical deeds.

Let us now see whether the many recent professions of peaceful intentions from Helsinki were genuine. Let us now watch whether the Finnish rulers, who prattled so much about their independence of Germany, can intern the German army in their midst. Americans can be confident that if Finland really does break with Germany, the terms of the Soviet note have opened up for the first time in 25 years a road to the redemption of the Finnish people.

The Vote in the 21st

THE Republicans concentrated all they had to elect William S. Bennett in Manhattan's 21st Congressional by-election. How important they regarded a victory there was well shown by Chairman Spangler's presence here and readiness to ballyhoo to the world the victory they expected to steal because of a light vote.

The Republicans left no stone unturned to score a victory. Dewey and Willkie were among those who came to Bennett's support. Practically all the newspapers campaigned for him. But all the GOP could muster of the 30,796 votes it had in 1942 was 10,136 ballots, against 11,707 for James H. Torrens, the Democratic victor. To speak of this as a "moral" victory because the margin was small, is plain nonsense.

The real point is the scandalous absence of a Democratic campaign. The Democrats are apparently still in the days of Big Tim Sullivan, relying on a solid machine vote. But those days are over. It would be too much to expect State Chairman Jim Farley to help elect a pro-Roosevelt candidate. But why didn't the district and county Democratic organization make a real campaign? There appears to be just one speech by Torrens on record. That was on the day before the election.

The two liberal papers in the city practically ignored the campaign. PM not mentioning it, and the Post's editorial appearing on election day, in the afternoon, when most voters were at work with the deadline on balloting at 6 P.M.

The ALP line gave Torrens 3,226 votes. Were it not for the active, though belated, campaign of ALP canvassers, Torrens might not have won. The Democrats brought out only about 18 per cent of their 1942 vote while the ALP's was closer to 25 per cent.

Some Republicans attach significance to their vote in the Negro districts. That too is nonsense, for it is more important to note that the vote there was extremely light. And here it is well to learn that a 6 P.M. balloting deadline is just another way to deprive many war workers of the right to vote.

The 21st Congressional election emphasizes the importance of ALP-Democratic cooperation. It further shows that the people must move through an active campaign. It is a warning to the Democrats that ought to be taken seriously before next November. It is likewise a warning to the ALP and all progressives for their participation, although a bit better than the Democratic, war far from adequate.

The election of Torrens, in face of an all-out Republican effort and hardly any campaigning by his own organization, is certainly an indication that the potential support for the President is there. It needs only to be registered and brought out.

That Old Matter Of Typo Errors

Editor, Daily Worker:

One of the "criticisms" which certain pernicious people used to voice against the Daily Worker was its typographical errors. They could not read it—just couldn't—because of those typos.

Well, that was a poor excuse at the best. But what are these people doing today? The typographical error is a regular feature of the entire press. Witness the Hearst Journal-American's big headline (in red ink, too) reading "Loneran" instead of "Lansman." PM's Sunday issue misspelled such an easy word as "Easy" in a big headline, and then went on to misspell the name of Evjue, the editor out in Wisconsin. They got it "Evjue."

The New York Times "can be found any day now with 'battleships' in its first line instead, of course, of 'battleships.' And the New York Sun last week came through with 'Rome front' for 'home front.'"

Where are those typo hounds now?

WIDE AWAKE.

Waste in Advertising

New York City. Editor, Daily Worker:

At this time millions of small income workers and shopkeepers are preparing tax returns. The subject of taxes to pay for our anti-fascist war is responsible for much controversy in our national legislature. The crux of the controversy is the unwillingness of large corporations to pay taxes in proportion to their war swollen profits. The President has just returned the ridiculous "pin money" bill with an emphatic veto. This will undoubtedly bring on another deluge of "crying wolf" from the spokesmen of big business.

One of their prize arguments against capture of war profits is the so-called need for "surplus funds" with which to convert to peace time production. Perhaps a sound argument can be made for such corporate funds. But an examination of the advertising expenditures of the top corporations in this country during the war years leaves the impression that corporation management is pouring money into uneeded newspaper, magazine and radio advertising like a drunk on a spree. Look at the compilations of advertisers per 1943 as shown in Advertising Age. Only advertisers who spent more than \$100,000 during the year are listed—the rest are too small to count. In national magazines 420 big advertisers spent about \$179,000,000. Counting all magazine advertising of national scope the total for 1943

was \$232,000,000 plus. The previous year's total in 1942 was about \$178,000,000 and Advertising Age proudly comments that 1943 showed an increase of 30.5 per cent in magazine alone.

In radio advertising the 1943 total rose to \$158,000,000, or an increase over 1942 of 32.3 per cent. Farm papers had an increase in national advertising of 37.4 per cent.

The significant thing about these figures is the fact that advertising expenditures invariably have increased despite a sellers' market, with more customers than goods generally. And in the face of the need for government funds to pay for this just war.

PAUL CHASE.

Dewey Proves Poor Prophet

Ogdenburg, N. Y. Editor, Daily Worker:

What has happened to Gov. Dewey's famous or infamous feed-famine campaign in the Northeast?

The "Facts for Farmers" asks that question, and I'd like to repeat it. Of all the hokey that was handed out to a long-suffering farm population, Dewey's dire prophecies of a short time ago were the worst yet. Up to a short time ago, as the "Facts for Farmers" says, the ads which the Dewey-backed scarcity forces were running were like the one on Nov. 20, 1943 in the American Agriculturist. It asked: "Will This Winter Be Like the Winter of 1918? The year linseed meal went to \$90 a ton." Then it goes on to wall about the coming famine.

That famine did not come, and every one who walked about it helped to slow down farm production. For that had result, Gov. Dewey and his Commissioner of Agriculture, C. Chester Drummond, bear their serious share of blame.

UPSTATE

A Contrast

New York City Editor, Daily Worker:

Here is another example of official negligence or stupidity, or worse. Donald Shea, one of the most rabid Nazi propagandist and founder of the so-called Gentile League, was excluded by the Army Board from the East Coast Defense area, as

dangerous to the security of the district. This was in October, 1943. Now he is in the Midwest, living on the \$150 a month as provided by the Army regulation in such cases. And being so "excluded," he continues actively his fascist racket-lecturing to "Mothers Clubs" for immediate peace with Hitler, smearing our President and destroying the morale of the people. And the comfortable Army pay keeps on coming.

I find this revolting especially while a man like Morris Schappes languishes in jail!

BODO.

A Good President?

New York City Editor, Daily Worker:

Reaction is on the loose for 'presidential timber' wherever they can find him. Their blind hatred for President Roosevelt motivates their excursions into every corner of the land and far beyond it for a candidate who might wrest the Presidency from that man in the White House.

Thus, we are treated to a "MacArthur for President" campaign, espoused by Sen. Vandenberg and Rep. Claire Boothe Luce of the "loose talk" fame. The astute Senator poses as a defender of the "unjustly smeared" Gen. MacArthur, while Mrs. Luce welcomes him in the ring as a "bigger and better Commander-in-Chief."

There can be no question of Gen. MacArthur being an outstanding military man. His exploits on Bataan, Corregidor and the present brilliant campaign at Truk amply justify him as a military tactician of no mean dimensions, but so was Gen. Grant.

When Grant succeeded to the Presidency he did not inscribe his name on the highway as an exceptionally outstanding President.

The people, as rule, give credit where credit is due. MacArthur is a good general, but who said that a good general makes a good President?

JOSEPH TIMONER

Service to 'Child Care'

Philadelphia, Pa. Editor, Daily Worker:

The service your paper is rendering "child-care" is so splendid, that I, who am active in the movement of child-care, should like to give you my personal thanks for this assistance.

I particularly wish to commend Walter Lowenfels whose articles are always clear and informative. They are a real factor in moving the Philadelphia program along. I hope the excellent coverage will continue.

LILIAN R. NARINS.

A Soviet Guardsman Holds a Bridge

By Eugene Krieger

MOSCOW, March 1 (ICN).—In three very days when frantic fear gripped the Germans in the tightening ring of the Korsun Shevchenkovsky area, a Soviet cavalry unit on another sector penetrated deeply into the German rear lines.

The battles varied from brief short-lived skirmishes to heated and prolonged engagements, but their peculiarity consisted in that they were fought within the German front which was seeking under the onslaught of the main Red Army forces.

Sometimes a lagging detachment of guardsmen in pitch darkness overtook a large column of horsemen and calmly moved alongside of them, until some of the guardsmen would realize that they were Germans. But, even in such cases, the daring men never despaired.

Proceeding with the German column until the first road jun-

ction, they would calmly turn aside and letting the column pass, they would either hurry away or attack the Germans, raising such havoc that in two minutes nothing would be left but dead Prizes on the road.

I was asked to look at a strip of ground near a bridge where the platoon commander Jacob Gumenko fought to his last breath.

A group of cavalry men were surrounded by the Germans in this village. They lacked the strength to hold out and the only way free was across a bridge, against which the Germans hurled a whole company.

Jacob Gumenko and two machine-gunners covered the bridge. As a seasoned soldier he realized that three men could not hold out against an enemy company. He knew that he would have to die on the strip of ground near the bridge.

The platoon commander began to

use his little ammunition sparingly. Manning the machine-guns, he personally saw to it that not a single bullet was wasted. Death was very close to Jacob Gumenko. Realizing this, he ordered the other two machine-gunners to go away.

"Anyhow, I will not trust anyone else to fire a single burst," he said. "I will be wounded and there is no use in losing your lives as well. I order you to leave me."

He remained alone near his machine gun and soon his ammunition gave out. Mustering his strength, he disassembled and scattered the parts of his machine gun and rose to see if all the guardsmen had withdrawn across the bridge. Gumenko was killed by a bullet.

The raid continued. The guardsmen closed in on the German rear from the west and captured the town with a small loss of blood. Moscow's guns saluted the victory.